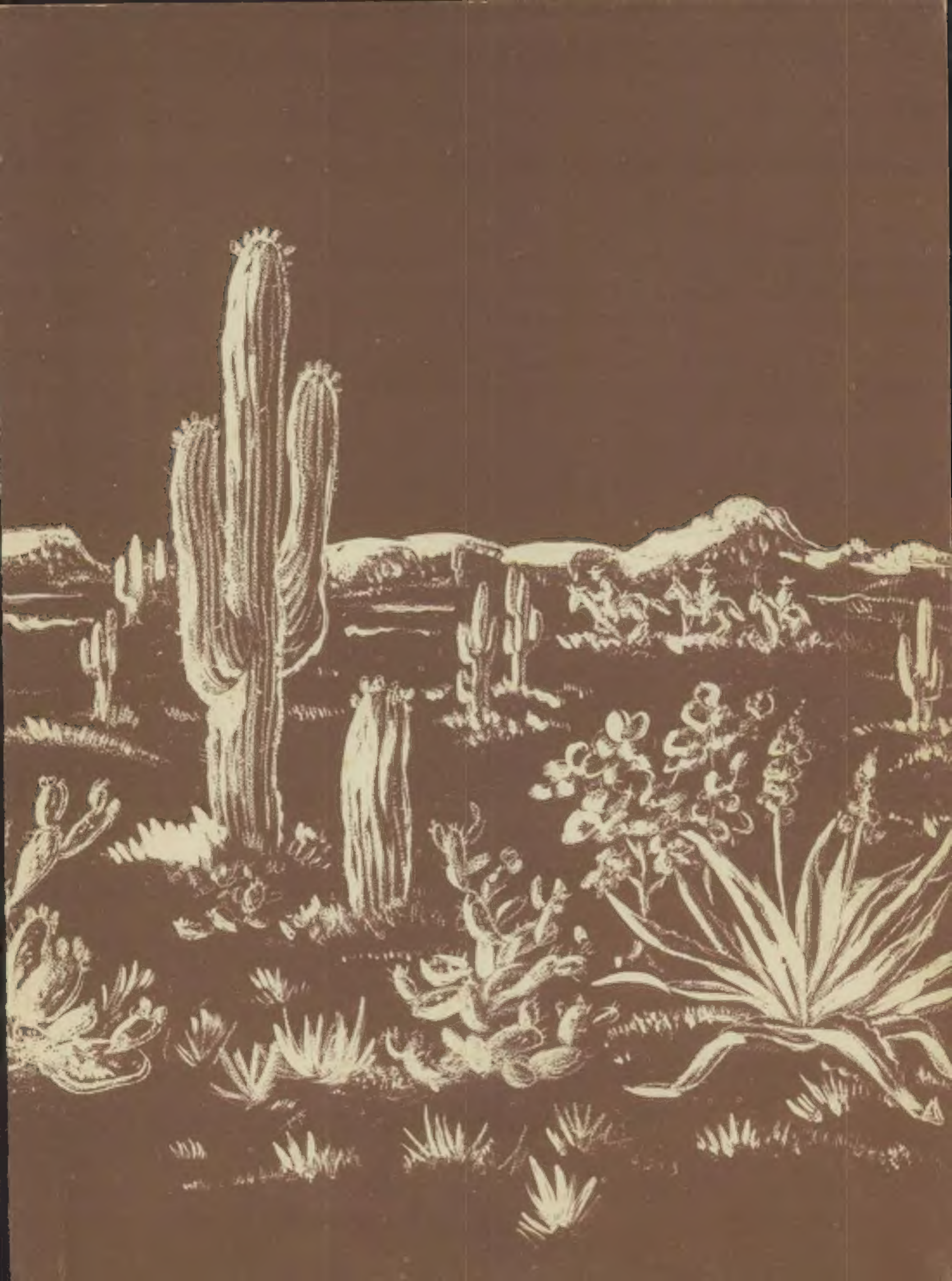




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In this annual, the 1949 BEARCAT, we have tried to bring you a complete picture of Erick Schools. We hope every student will cherish this book and that it will be a pleasure and delight to you for years to come.

We wish to thank the business firms, the faculty and students who have assisted us.

We shall look forward to another year when we hope to have a bigger and better annual than ever before.

THE STAFF



In Memory of

W. H. DUNSWORTH

Superintendent of Schools, 1944 • 1948

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

As the years pass, may this annual be a constant reminder to each of you that we all grow older and wiser as the years go by. We hope that you will have many pleasant memories of the days you have spent in the Erick Schools. Our wish for each of you is that you will acquire the knowledge and traits here which will enable you to go out into the world to be citizens of the highest type, constantly striving for that which is right, just, and honorable.

Urel W . Lacy



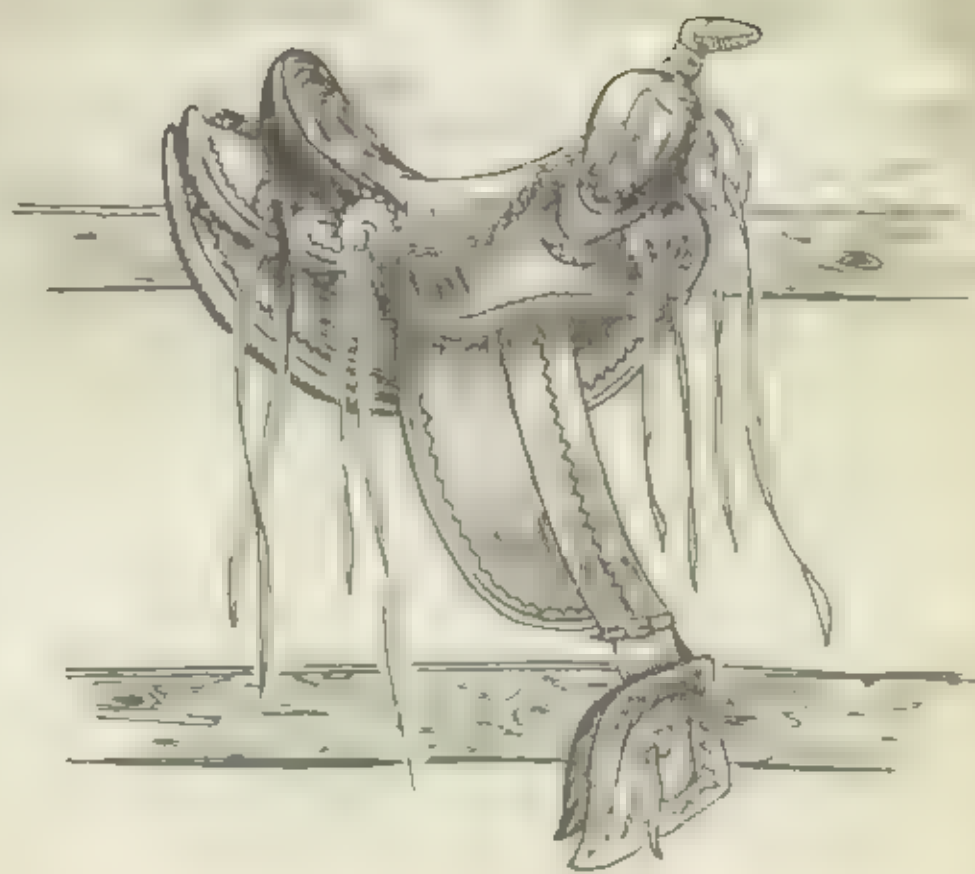
A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Let the pictorial images in this yearbook be an incentive to all of us to improve and expand our school. Let each of us strive to make it a community center which will continue to deserve the support of all the citizens of Erick School District.

J. M. Gamble



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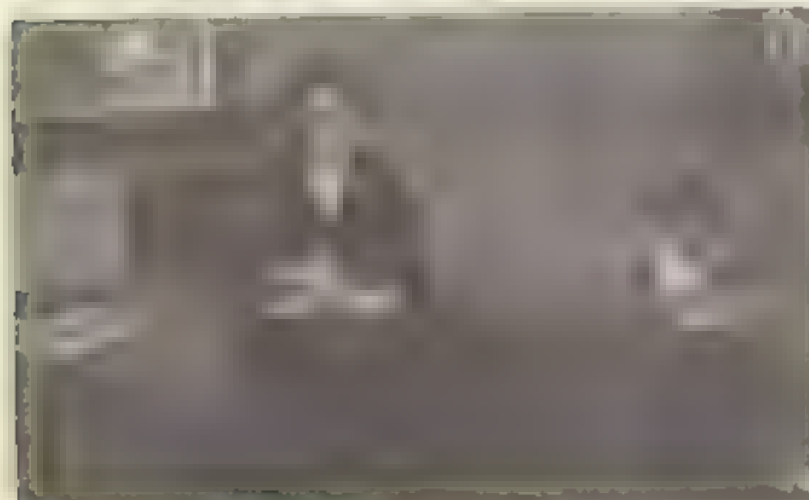




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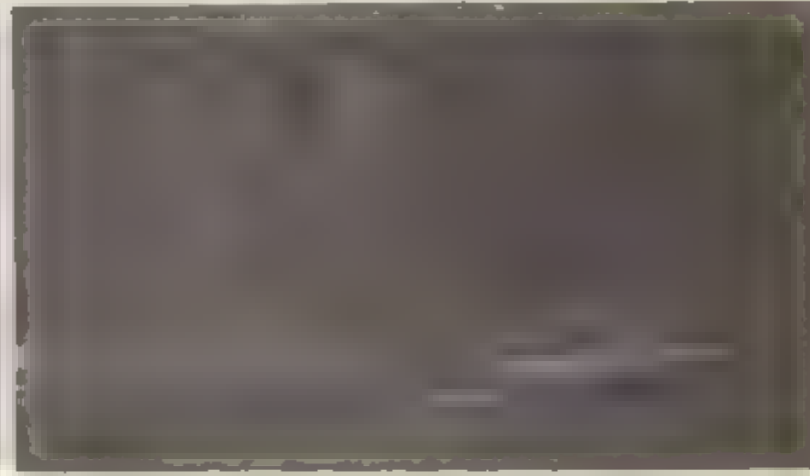
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SENIOR HISTORY

The discovery of the class of '49 was an accident. Twelve years ago, early the morning of the 10th day of September, 1911, the faculty of the Lincoln State School were strolling aimlessly through the corridors of the grade school and wondering if there would be any startling changes in the roster during the coming year. Suddenly they caught a glimpse of something new. **It was the 43 students who were to become the Class of '49.**

The discovery was made by the principal, Mr. Alexander, who had to put up with the following students who became Seniors in 1949, Bill Barker, Jackie Gallaway, Willie Jones, John Jones, Bill Jones, Ed Baker, Lonnie Baileon, and Joe Evelyn Waters. The rest of the class consisted of the following: Sam Farnham 5th, Roman Croesley, 6th, Jim Jones, 7th, Leon Jones, 8th, Bob Stewart, Jane Johnson, and Jerry Stone, 9th, Lyndel Hinchey, 10th, Leon Nippert and Bob Puchuff in the 11th.

The dawn of the ninth year was a glorious one. They were given the name of Freshmen. The most unpleasant thing about this year was the contempt in which they were held by those who were pressing over the school, but they were the upper-classmen. At the end of that year a terrible disaster befell the Freshmen. They were greatly reduced in number. **It was the worst massacre of all times.**

The next year they received their new names, Sophomores. They were also allowed to serve at the Junior-Senior Banquet.

Then they became Juniors, and now they scorned the Freshmen and Sophomores, as they had been scorned when they were Freshmen and Sophomores. After a year of hard work they were given the title of seniors. The same group that were Juniors were also Seniors with Jackie Gallaway remaining. With the addition of the name, Seniors, they began to take themselves seriously. And when I say "seriously", I really mean "SERIOUSLY". As the year drew to a close they were positively dizzy with dignity.

All this was looked upon with the utmost amazement by the teachers, who regarded the result of their twelve years of hard labor with a little pride. They had converted a band of ignorant, untutored, ignorant, and ignorant citizens of their great school, and had lost only the usual reputation in the process. Nevertheless, they had found that for which they had been searching so eagerly for their years - a genius - in fact, several of them, and all of the class were passable.

At the expiration of the twelve years the principal expressed himself a greatly pleased with the addition to his school, and pronounced them a highly eligible for admission to the state. He said of the work of them and pronounced that their names, with those of their teachers, would be written in history together.

In way of appropriate celebration, a strange ceremony, never as a movement, was held. Speeches were made, for a purpose of reason, songs were sung and songs called out. From the Indians were "songs", and from the school line so it took to get one - were given to the seniors, and the seniors were given for their work in life. That is the end of the year. They are destined to be as an honored throughout the land.



BILLY WILLIE LYNDEL STONEY



Marglin Kay

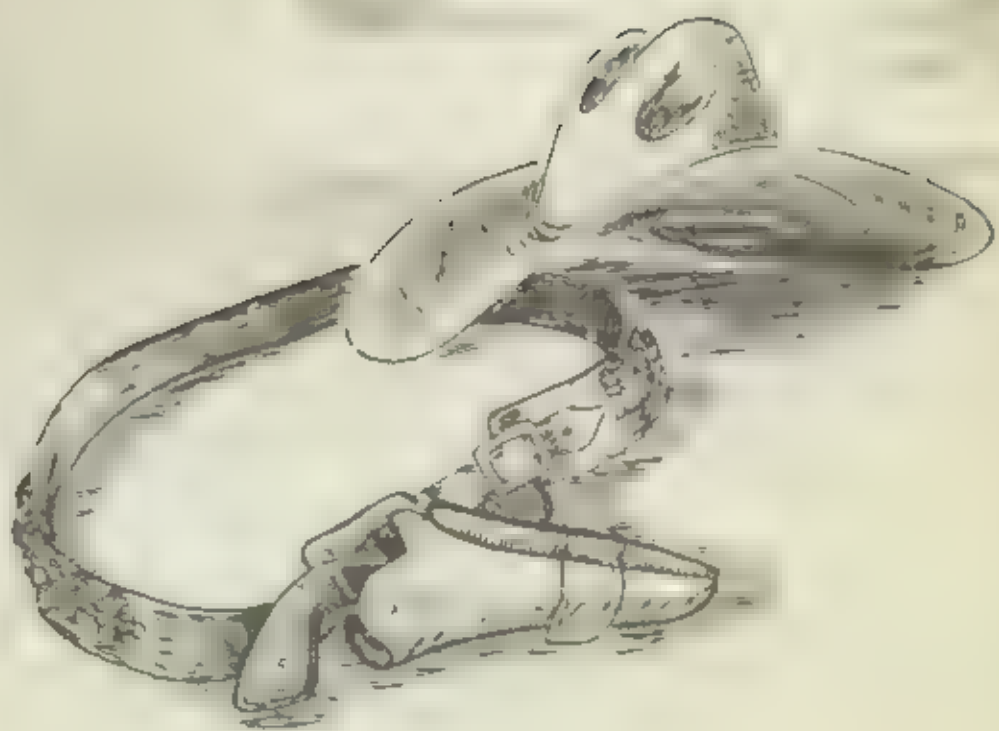
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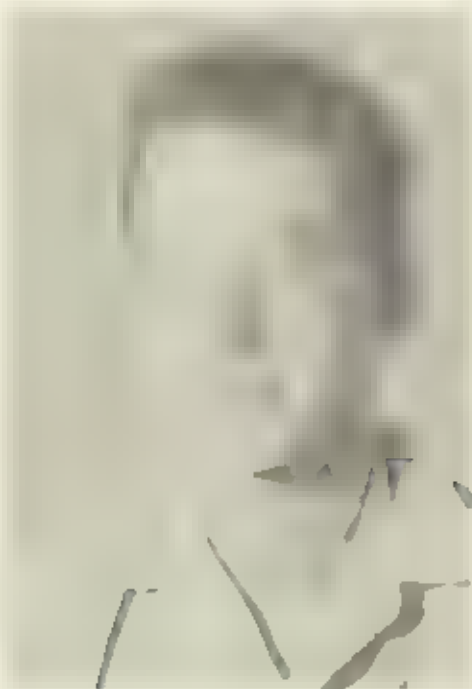
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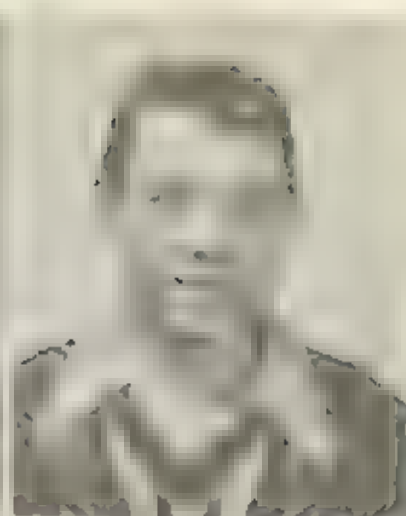
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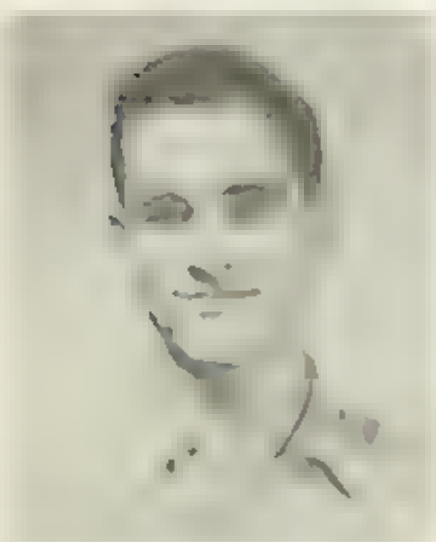
Mary Frank Caskey



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Dalton Webster



Sallie Hill



Dede Hood



Lovetta Manning





FRESHMEN

Patsy Stone, Clifford Anna, Janna Velen, Clifton Martin, L. D. Stroat, Leocyle Roberts, Gene Hoots, Anita Montgomery, Georgia Baker, Pat Sanders, Julia Williams, Chris Vines, S. T. Flowers, Charles Ouderkirk, Dale Austin, Marleen Parker, Cletus Wester, Earl Morgan, Bob Eli Wilson, Kent Pennington.



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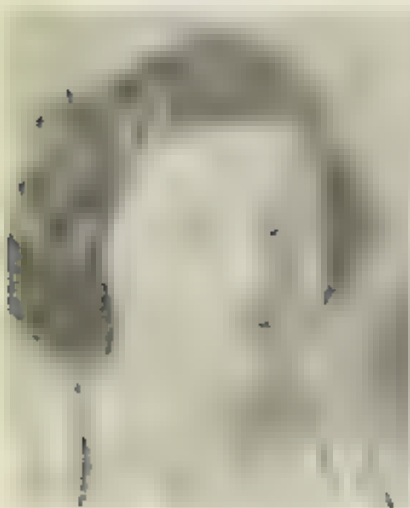
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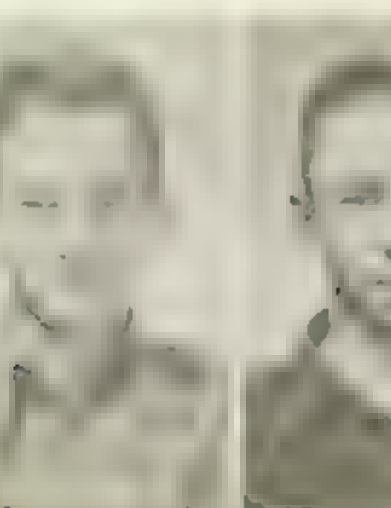
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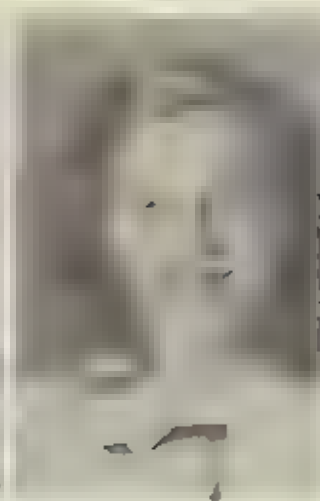
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Ropha
Martin



Patsy
Roper



Marion
Carr



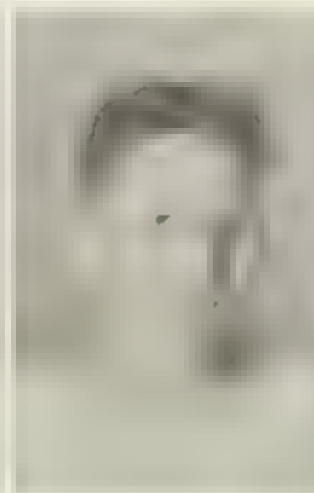
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Gibson



Kent
Shamblin



Don
Smith



Clyde
Armstrong



Mae Beth
Roberts



Patsy Nell
Doyle



Eddie
Butler



John
Kurrle



Shirley
Martin



Kenneth
Davis



Tommy
Rasor



Whitney
Williams



Alice
Noblet



Harold
McDowell



SEVENTH GRADE

D. Abia, Thomas, Alexander, Stewart, Brindle, Ross, Crosby, Carpenter, Richardson, Dennis, Pirtle, Ellis, Flowers, Ouderkirk, French, Nappert, C. Gibson, McGuire, M. Hunt, B. Hunt, Johnson, Hinchey, McClellen, L. Gotorth, McCampbell, F. Gotorth, Morgan, M. Gibson, Pierce, Flowers, Armstrong, Smith, Blackman, Roper, Crossley, Phillips, White, M. Abia, T. Enyart, H. Enyart.

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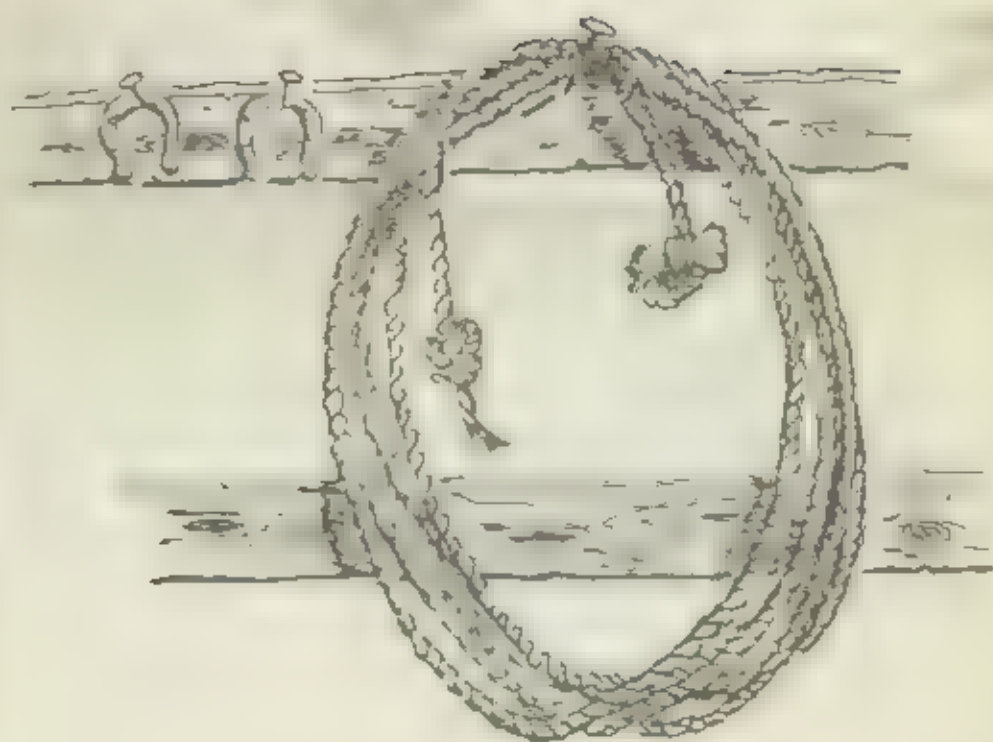


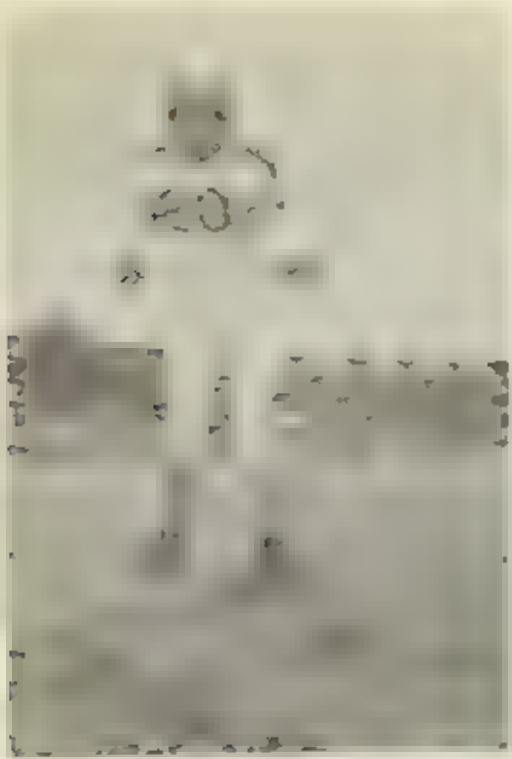
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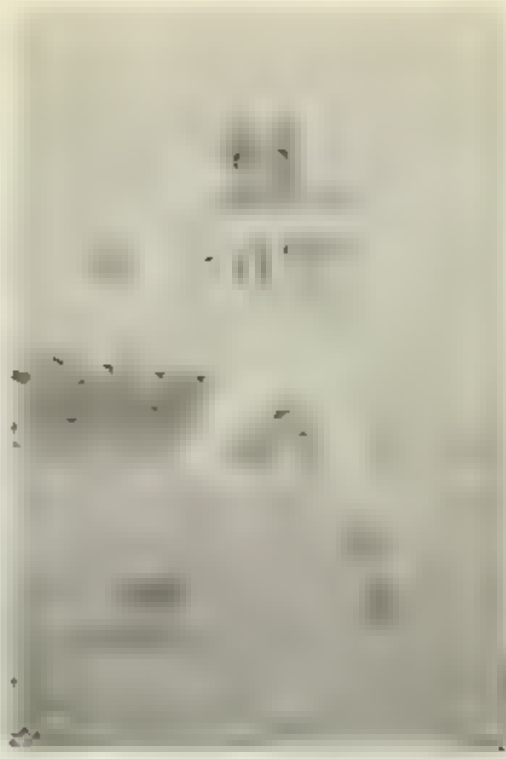
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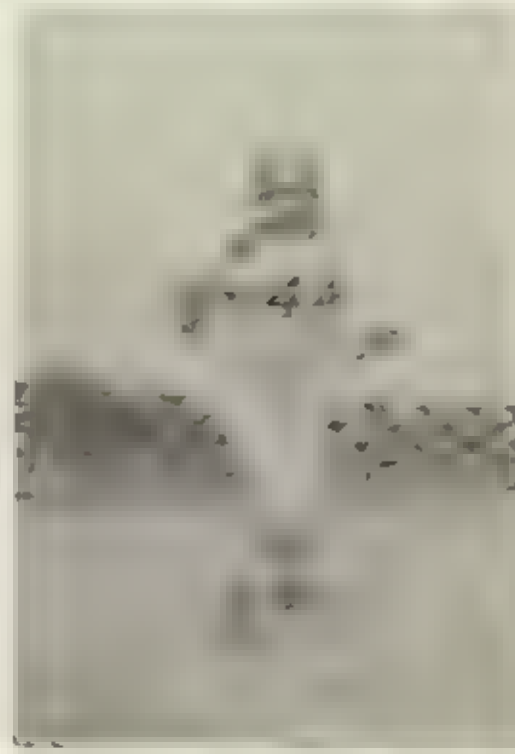
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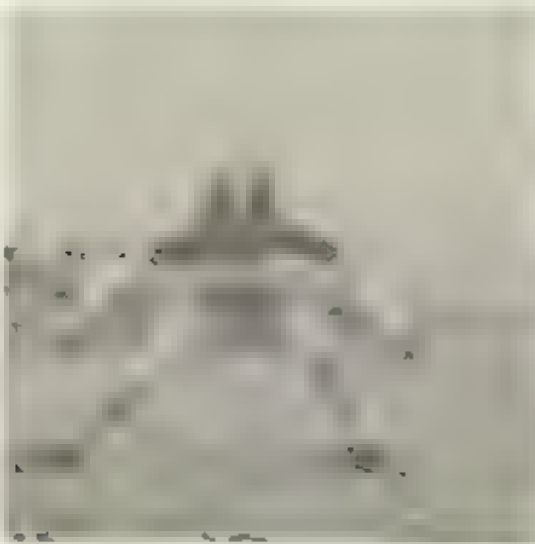
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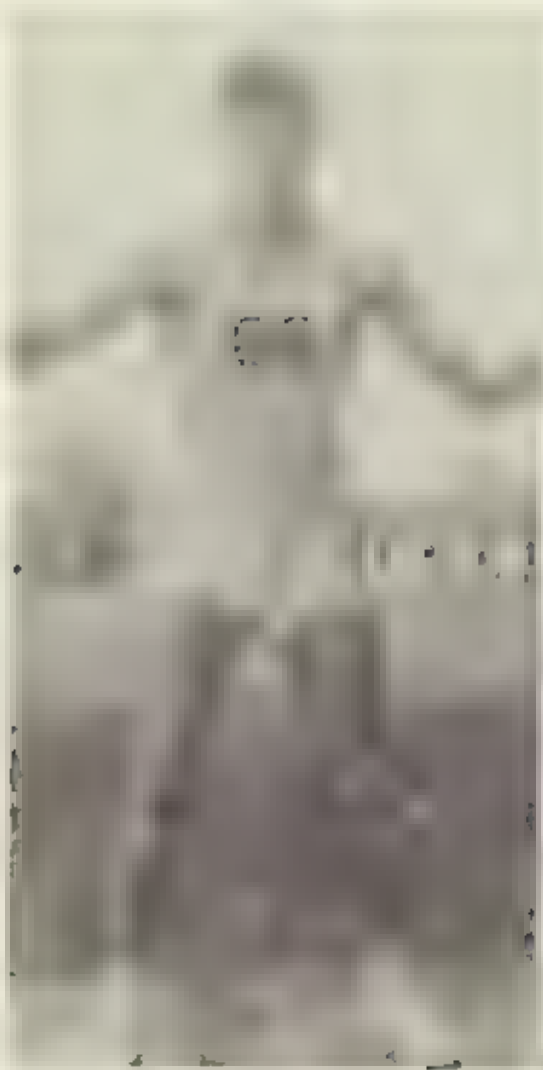
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LEON NIPPERT
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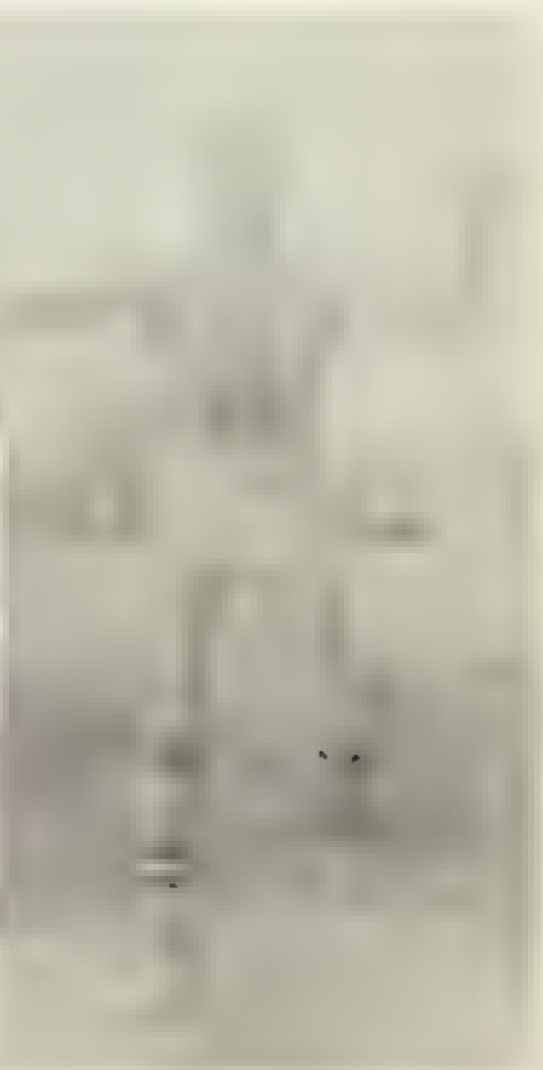
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RICHARD ELMS
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BOB PUTHUFF
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WILLIS HUNT
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Forward

CHARLES ABLA
Guard

(Not shown - - Bob Razor)

BASKETBALL REVIEW

For the second time in two years, the Erick Bearcats brought home the Class B District Basketball Trophy. Other honors won by the 1948-49 team were the County Conference Runners-up Trophy and 4-B Basketball Conference Championship.

The Bearcats were defeated only twice in Conference play, were beaten in the Elk City Invitational Tourney by the Tournament winners, and fought their way to the semi-finals of the County Tournament before losing to Elk City in an overtime, 33, 32.

After winning the District by wins over Merritt and Elk City, the boys lost a low-scoring game to Sentinel in the first round of Regional competition. At the final whistle, the score read: Erick, 13, Sentinel, 26.

SCORES

Conference			
New Liberty	27	- Erick	22
Highway	23	- Erick	29
Berlin	8	- Erick	38
Merritt	17	- Erick	49
Carter	24	- Erick	39
Delph	32	- Erick	48
Retrop	26	- Erick	25

Sayre	15	- Erick	28
Sweetwater	37	- Erick	18
Elk City	20	- Erick	26
Texola	27	- Erick	46

County Tourney

Sayre	20	- Erick	40
Elk City	33	- Erick	32



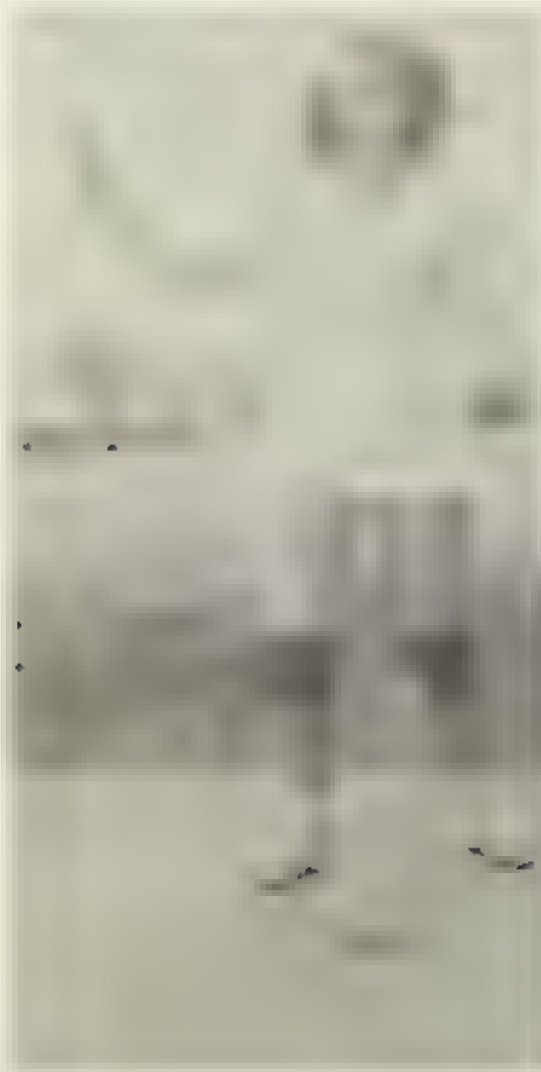
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SONIA PAMPLIN
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DOROTHY SHELLEY
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DONNA DOWNEY
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NADINE HOLLAND
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JACKIE GALLAWAY
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STATE HONOR SOCIETY

The following students are the top ten percent of the student body, based on grades made the last semester of 1947-48 and the first semester of 1948-49:

DEDE HOOD
GERALDINE STONE
JO EVELYN HINCHEY
RICHARD FLYNN
FETTY FERN BAKER
GAYLA JO VELVIN
JOY NELL ABLA
PAT HORN
GWILI MOTE
RUTH McCAMPBELL
LOUISE FRENCH
BOBBY RASOR

"JEST a little FUN"

Bill Barker: "What's that you got in your button-hole?"

Jim Bill Henry: "Why, that's a chrysanthemum."

Bill: "It looks like a rose to me."

Jim: "No, you're wrong, it's a chrysanthemum."

Bill: "Spell it."

Jim: "K-r-i-s- . . . by golly, it is a rose!"

Lyndell to Joe: "I'll meet you half-way. I'll admit I'm wrong, I've got a rose!"

.....

Though Ruthie had boy friends galore,
She always was looking for more.

This obsession for beaux
Turned her joys into woes,
The night two lads met at her door!

.....

"My husband has lost all his money on the stock exchange."

"Oh! I do feel sorry for him."

"Yes, so do I. He'll miss me."



JUNIOR PLAY - 1949

"A CASE OF SPRINGTIME"

Cast

Bob Parker Bill Hunt
 Mr. Parker Henry Goldsmith
 Mrs. Parker Betty Goldsmith
 Betty Parker Kathryn Hodge
 Dickie Parker Edwin Ellis
 Gwen Anderson . . . Brunetta Spencer
 Joan Abemaker . . . Dorothy Shelley
 Eddie Abemaker Bob Pierce
 Louella, the maid . . . Alta Newton
 Mr. Abernaker J. D. Alexander

Mrs. Brunswick Nadine Holland
 Mrs. James Clara Alexander
 Mrs. Hill Barbara Melvin
 Sheriff Bill Brindle
 Miss Bright Marilyn Oliver

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SENIOR

PLAY

1949



"TAKE IT EASY"

Cast

Mrs. Imanda Highgate	Jane Johnson
Nancy Highgate	Jackie Gallaway
Tom Laurence	Bob Puthuff
Lon Torence	Jim Bill Henry
John Florence	Bob Stewart
Florence, the maid	Sonia Pamplin
Philip, the butler	Richard Elms
Mary, the cook	Jo Waters
Arthur, the yard boy	Donald Balkcom
Beagle Jones, a detective	Willie Clancy

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LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM THIRD IN STATE

The Erick Team, composed of Bob Stewart, Ray Mann, and Charles Rosson, took First Place in County Competition, Third Place at the Muskogee Free State Fair. Judging with approximately 100 other teams at the Oklahoma City Fat Stock Show, the Erick boys brought home Third Place Honors.





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Bill Brindle with Champion Barrow



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Ray Mann's Pork Production Project



Charles Rosson



Judging gets under way at the Local Show
held during opening of the new Show Barn.



PATSY STONE

F. F. A. SWEETHEART



DANIE REAVIE

FOOTBALL QUEEN

TAKEN FROM A SENIOR'S DIARY

- Mon., Sept. Today we're really Seniors' School is almost the same as it was 12 years ago, but **this is really the beginning of the end.**
- Fri., Sept. 17 The first football game of the season and the most important to most Erick fans - - Erick vs. Sayre! Oh, well, **we'll beat them next year.**
- Tues., Nov. 2 The class was invited today. Election day, you know. The Democrats, with Truman and Barkley, won again, tho.
- Fri., Nov. 5 Homecoming and football game with Anadarko. We almost won, but not quite! At least we were ahead at the half when our lovely Queen, Janie Weaver, was crowned.
- Mon., Nov. 8 Our candidate lost the race for FFA Sweetheart, but a swell Freshman girl, Patsy Stone, won the honors.
- Tues., Nov. 9 Today we made enough money to make our first bank deposit. The school carnival, which was a huge success, brought us \$50.57. We had a cake walk and a dart throw.
- Tues., Nov. 11 The first basketball game. Both boys' teams won. The girls were on the court for the first time. **They'll learn just you wait!**
- Mon., Nov. 22 The Juniors and we had a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner at the Legion Hut. **You should have heard Mr. Gamble and Mr. Lacy warble!**
- Fri., Dec. 10 Today we purchased our Christmas gift to our Sponsor and favorite teacher, Mrs. Gamble. It was Fostoria Crystal.
- Wed., Dec. 15 Had the Senior Christmas party at Sonia's. Kept the telephone wires hot and Richard's face turned a little when he found a little unmentionable was his gift.
- Thurs., Dec. 23 Members of last year's English Club were entertained with a lovely party in the home of Miss Gallegly.
- Sat., Jan. 15 The last day of a very successful Junior High Tournament, here. Sayre boys and Carter girls took home trophies.
- Mon., Jan. 31 Went to a hilarious donkey basketball game. Gamble really can ride the "Hobby Donkeys".
- Wed., Feb. 2 What a pity! School is out because of frozen pipes.
- Sat., Feb. 5 Lost a swell English teacher - - Miss Simmons was married at 8:30 this morning.
- Thurs., Feb. 24 Livestock show at our new show barn. Erick FFA boys took their share of the prizes.
- Sat., Feb. 26 Erick won the District Toumey by beating Elk City!
- Tues., March 1 Our Senior panel came. It's in the shape of a covered wagon. Look again - see any coats and ties alike?
- Thurs., March 2 Played Sentinel a swell game, but lost to them.
- Fri., March 18 Everyone went to the Junior Play. Hope ours is as good.
- Mon., March 21 Today play practice started. Couldn't do much for laughing at each other's parts.
- Tues., March 22 Mrs. Gamble is very ill and Mrs. Lacy is helping us with our play. Oh, yes, **she's also teaching Bookkeeping!**
- Wed., March 23 Everybody that went on the Class Skating Party is black and blue this morning.
- Wed., April 13 At last the BEARCAT has been sent to press!

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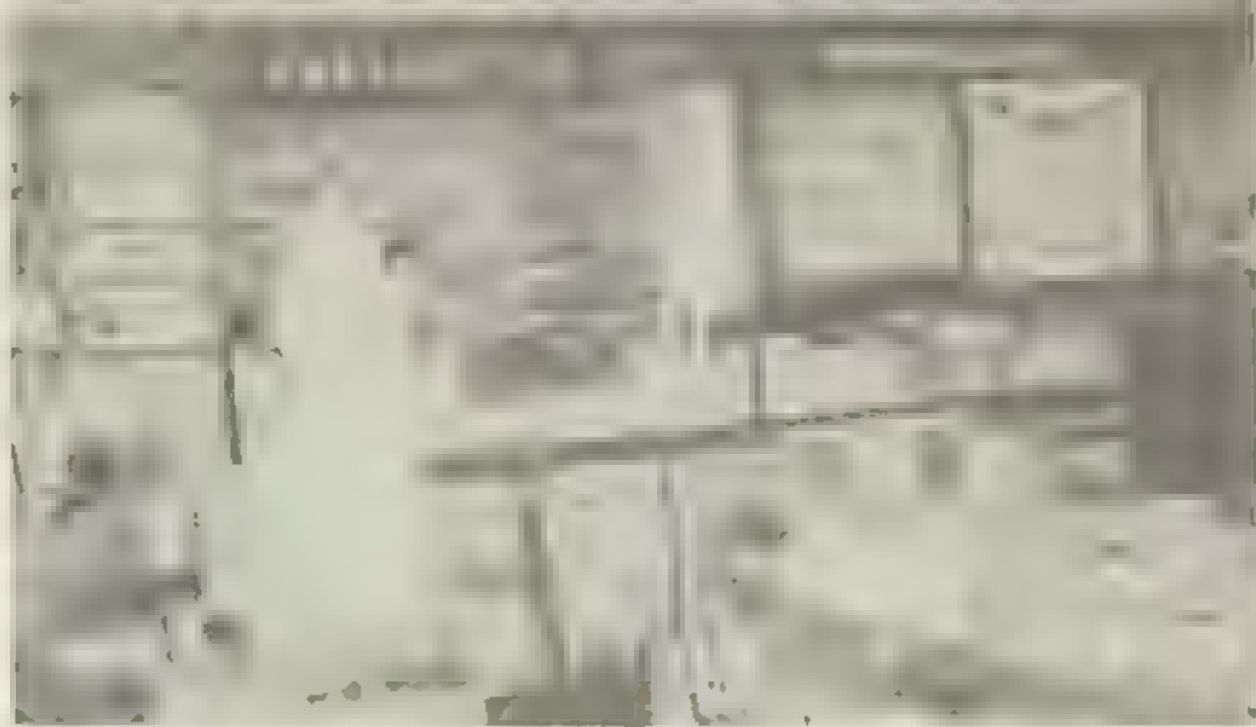
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Mr. Bronson died very suddenly, and an important business letter was left unmailed.

Before sending it off, Jerry Stone, his secretary, who had a passion for explanatory detail, added a postscript below Mr. Bronson's signature. It read: "Since writing the above I have died."

Mr. Puthuff: Bob, what makes you skip school all the time?

Bob: Class hatred.

Tourist: Hmmm, looks like we might have some rain.

Lowell Downey: I shore hope so. Not for myself, but for the kids here. I've seen rain.

Mrs. Elms: Another bite like that and you'll leave the table.

Richard: Another bite like that and I'll be finished.

With deep anguish he begged her to reconsider her answer.

"If you don't marry me, I'll blow my brains out," he vowed.

"Oh, would you, really?" she gurgled. "I wish you would do it. It would be a great joke on father for he thinks you haven't any."

And S. Armstrong

Walter T. Lewis

Alta Mae North

George Hamilton

Lucy Sloan

Charles Russell

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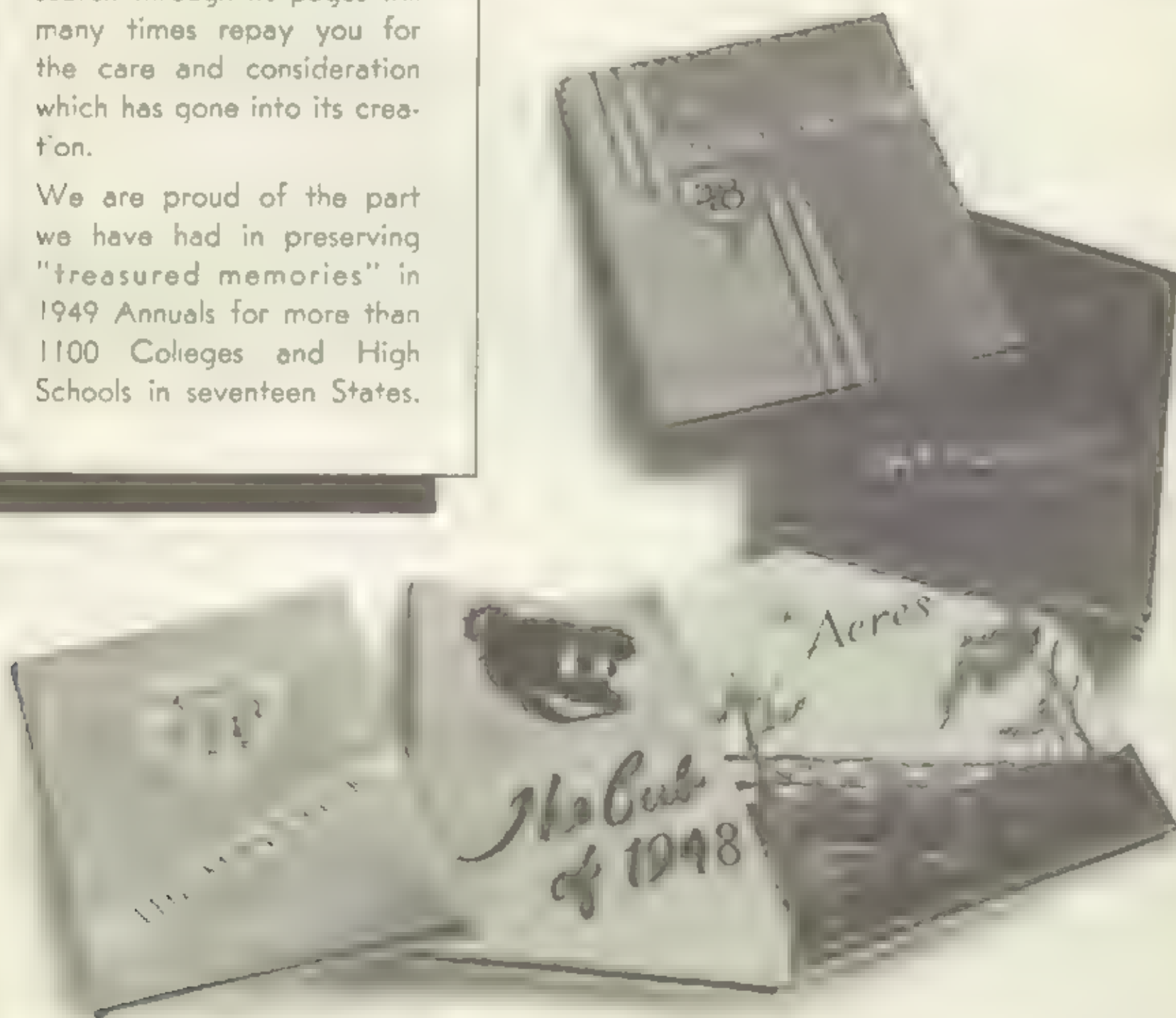
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